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TELEGRAMS. CONDENSED.

IT IS BELIEVED M. DIMITRA COPOULOS WILL FORM A GREEK CABINET. IMPORTANT MINISTERIAL CHANGES ARE CONTEMPLATED IN RUSSIA. FRENCH INFANTRY HAVE MADE PROGRESS TO THE EAST OF MORVAL. A FRENCH AIRPLANE BOMBARDED AN AERODROME AT COLMAR. BOMBS WERE DROPPED ON MILITARY BUILDINGS AT ZEBRUGGE. ON THE BRITISH FRONT THE GERMANS ABANDONED THEIR WOUNDED. THERE HAS BEEN SHELLING SOUTH OF THE YPRES-MENIN ROAD. GREEK RESERVISTS HAVE BEEN PROVOKING NUMEROUS DISTURBANCES IN TRANSYLVANIA THE RUMANIANS DEFEATED THE ENEMY. RUMANIANS HAVE CAPTURED OVER THREE THOUSAND MORE PRISONERS. TO THE EAST OF MORVAL THE FRENCH HAVE CAPTURED NINE GUNS.

[All telegrams appearing in large type are the latest, having been received during the course of the day. Those in small type have come through over-night.]

THE GREEK CRISIS.

New Cabinet to be Formed.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

October 4, 9.30 p.m.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Athens it is believed that M. Dimitra Copoulos, (who was mentioned in a Reuter's wire on the 15th ult.) will form a Cabinet which will include three of the most prominent Venizelists.

M. Venizelos' view is not yet known.

Reservists Provoking Numerous Disturbances.

October 4, 10.15 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Athens says:—The Reservists are provoking numerous disturbances. They stoned cars conveying officers and soldiers at the Piræus embarking for Salonica. A French naval detachment in the neighbourhood came out with fixed bayonets and dispersed the Reservists.

IN THE BALKANS.

Enemy Defeated in Different Regions.

October 4, 10.15 p.m.

A Bucharest official message says:—On the Transylvanian front we defeated the enemy in different regions. We took over two thousand prisoners in Dobruja and in a conquered position we took over a thousand prisoners, seven guns, and much war material.

The Village of Jeniko now in Our Possession.

October 5, 3.20 p.m.

A British official message from Salonica states that the whole of the village of Jeniko is now in our possession. We spent yesterday in consolidating our new position which extends from Orizak along the Sereas Road to Jeniko, and from thence through both of the Karadziki villages.

During the recent fighting, in which the enemy suffered heavily, the Lowland Scottish and the Irish battalions especially distinguished themselves.

Battle Going in Favour of the Allies.

October 5, 4.15 p.m.

A French official message from Salonica states that the battle is going in our favour. The Allied advance guards have begun to cross the Cerna in the region of Dobrovenibrod and are advancing. Despite the frosts on the slopes of the Baba Mountains, they have reached Buf and Popli.

Rumanians Start a New Offensive.

October 6, 12.25 a.m.

A Bucharest communique states that in an earlier wire the word "Prædell" turns out to be a mutilation of the word "Paraj", which is a town situated between Brasov and Dorna-vaia. Thus it is clear that the Rumanians have started a new offensive in Central Transylvania.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES IN RUSSIA.

October 5, 5.10 p.m.

Reuter learns that reports, which up to the present have not been confirmed, have officially reached London that as a result of the appointment of M. Protopopoff as Minister of the Interior, important and significant ministerial changes are contemplated in Russia. The name of M. Rodziank, a well-known Liberal, and President of the Duma, is mentioned in connection with a high office.

A GALLANT AIRMAN.

October 4, 8.00 p.m.

Flight Sub-Lieut. Sowrey (mentioned in yesterday's wires as having been awarded the Distinguished Service Order) is 23 years of age and was studying for the Indian Civil Service. At the outbreak of war he went to France, was wounded at Loos and invalided home. He was seconded to the Flying Corps in June last. He was a friend of Lieut. Robinson, who was recently awarded the Victoria Cross for bringing down a Zeppelin.

BOARD OF AGRICULTURE'S NOTIFICATION.

October 5, 10.30 p.m.

The Board of Agriculture notifies that, in order to maintain the food supply and to prevent a rise in the price of milk, no more men will be taken away from agriculture till January 1, or from milk production till April 11, unless they are counter-balanced by men released from the colours for agricultural work, who are sent for special service. The Board urges farmers meanwhile to prepare to replace men who may be lost later, by women or older men.

TELEGRAMS.

THE ALLIED OFFENSIVE.

Ca nonnade intense in the Vicinity of Belloy and Assevillers.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

October 5, 5.00 a.m.

A Paris communique says:—There is nothing important to report.

There is the customary cannonade on the Somme, which is most intense in the vicinity of Belloy and Assevillers.

The infantry made progress east of Morval.

There was a duel with trench weapons in Alsace on the barren Reichackerkopf.

Despite very bad weather, a French aeroplane bombarded an aerodrome at Colmar. Ninety bombs were dropped during the night on the electric searchlights and military buildings at Zebbrugge.

Hostile Artillery Active.

October 5, 5.50 a.m.

Sir Douglas Haig says:—Hostile artillery has been active, especially in the neighbourhood of the "Zilliers Redoubt," and in the region between Guedesurt and Enuourt l'Abbaye. The enemy attempted a bombing attack in the latter region, but was repulsed; and wounded were abandoned.

There was considerable shelling south of the Ypres-Menin Road.

Elsewhere there is quiet. Rain continued most of the day.

French Capture Nine Guns.

October 5, 3.55 p.m.

A Paris communique states:—The night was calm on the entire front. During our advance to the east of Morval yesterday, we took nine guns.

London Territorials' Successful Raid.

October 5, 2.35 p.m.

Sir Douglas Haig's communique says:—There was intermittent shelling during the night on our front south of the Ancre. Our artillery caused many casualties among enemy infantry on the move north of the Schwaben Redoubt.

A London Territorial battalion carried out a successful raid in the Vimy area. The enemy unsuccessfully attempted to enter our trenches east of St. Eloi.

RUSSIAN OFFENSIVE IN THE CAUCASUS.

October 5, 4.15 p.m.

A Russian communique says:—We captured various positions in the region extending from Vladimir Volynsk to the Dniester, where stubborn battles continue.

As the result of a sudden offensive in the coastal region of the Caucasus, we captured a fortified position in the region of the Karaburno River.

TRANSPORT SUBMARINED IN THE MEDITERRANEAN.

October 6, 12.45 a.m.

It is officially announced that the Franconia, employed on transport duty, was submarined in the Mediterranean yesterday. She was not carrying troops.

Twelve of the crew are missing. Three hundred and two were saved.

NO SUNDAY MUNITION WORK.

October 5, 10.39 p.m.

The Minister of Munitions has decided to prohibit Sunday labour in munition works.

[In the event of telegrams arriving too late for insertion on this page they will be found on Page 5 or on Extra.]

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE ALLIED OFFENSIVE.

Germany's Shortage of Reserves.

October 4, 12.45 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Headquarters states that the straits to which the Germans are put regarding their reserves is suggested by the fact that prisoners have been taken belonging to a Naval division, which was brought from the coast to assist in the defence.

Enemy's "Lamentable Shooting."

October 4, 12.45 p.m.

A scathing commentary on the quality of the German gunnery was disclosed in an underlined extract from the official diary of the 106th regiment: "In view of our artillery's perfectly lamentable shooting, all patrols have been called in."

Peronne Defences in Jeopardy.

October 4, 12.55 p.m.

A correspondent at French Headquarters reports that the French are steadily encircling Mont St. Quentin, the key to the Peronne defences, and are using monitors in the canals in the daily bombardment.

Sir Douglas Haig Congratulated.

October 4, 12.45 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Paris reports that M. Foincare visited the Somme and congratulated General Sir Douglas Haig on the recent magnificent successes. He decorated Generals Gough and Buller with the cross of the Legion of Honour.

TELEGRAMS.

ELECTORAL REFORM.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

October 4, 1.15 p.m.

The Speaker is convening and will preside at a Parliamentary conference on electoral reform. The first meeting will probably be held on October 10.

BURIAL GROUND FOR INDIAN SOLDIERS.

October 4, 1.15 p.m.

Arrangements have been made for the permanent upkeep of a burial ground for Mohammedan soldiers, near Woking mosque. The ground has been planned upon the advice of Abbas Ali Baig, and is to be surrounded by a wall of oriental character. An inscribed headstone will be provided for each grave.

ARMY ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS.

October 4, 1.15 p.m.

The upper age limit for attendance at Army Entrance examinations after November will be 18½ except in the case of candidates who have served in the forces, for whom the limit will be 21.

ON THE RUSSIAN FRONT.

October 4, 7.50 p.m.

A Russian official announcement reports that the battles continue west of Lutsk and southward of that place. The enemy is stubbornly holding his positions on the Zlota Lipa.

A DISABLED ZEPPELIN.

One of the Raiders.

October 4, 9.35 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Esbjerg reports that fishermen sighted on Monday what was evidently one of Sunday's Zeppelin raiders, semi-submerged, 35 miles off Sylt. She was surrounded by German torpedo boats and destroyers, while two larger vessels alongside were seen to be attempting to keep the airship afloat.

Badly Damaged.

October 5, 2.31 a.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam reports that a Zeppelin from England passed the Frisian village of Zwageteinde at 5.30 on Monday morning badly damaged. A piece was missing from her stern, where the gondola was displaced. The Zeppelin was staggering.

THE CAPTURE OF JENIKO.

October 5, 2.30 a.m.

Reuter's correspondent at the British Headquarters at Salonica reports that the Bulgarians defending Jeniko who were not killed and who did not flee from the terrific bombardment surrendered.

Jeniko was most strongly fortified, and was the most important of three adjoining villages, two of which have already been captured.

The Bulgarians first counter-attacked, three hours after the capture of Jeniko, with three battalions, rushed up by train. These were swept off by a curtain of fire.

The Bulgarian losses in the last four days have been enormous.

WHY THE GREEK CABINET RESIGNED.

October 5, 2.30 a.m.

An official message from Athens states that the Government resigned because it was unable to get into touch with the Entente representatives, and the settlement of national questions was consequently hampered.

FRANCE AND ENEMY NATURALISATION.

October 5, 2.30 a.m.

A Paris message states that the Chamber has adopted a Bill revoking the naturalisation of enemy subjects.

AFTER DISCHARGE.

An Australian's Deferred Pay Complaint.

William James Rodgers, aged 37, a soldier, who wore the R.S.A. badge, was charged at the Paddington Police Court (Sydney) last month, with wearing military uniform when he was not a member of the defence forces.

Sergeant William Holden, of the garrison police, said that Rodgers, who was in possession of a good discharge, came to the barracks last night in full uniform. He told witness that he had been discharged from the forces on August 17, and kept on his uniform so that he could get his deferred pay. Rodgers was drunk and made himself a nuisance at the barracks.

The magistrate (Mr. Payten) said there was no deferred pay due to him.

Rodgers: Yes; they owe me...

Mr. J. W. Abigail, honorary solicitor for the Returned Soldiers' Association, who appeared for the defence, said that he had attended an inquiry into the manner in which these unfortunate men got their pay. An alarming state of affairs had been disclosed, and had led to the removal of some important people in high places. He sympathised with those men in their contention that they should be allowed to wear their uniforms until they had got their deferred pay. There was no reason why they should not get it promptly unless the work was not done as well as it should be or in the way the public expected it to be done. Rodgers was arrested because he wore the uniform a few days over the allotted time. He suggested that the bench should admonish and discharge him.

The magistrate said that the law did not recognise that as a punishment. He imposed a fine of 20s. the order being imprisonment until paid.

He was given 15 minutes to pay.

TELEGRAMS.

EARLIER TELEGRAM.

CHINESE POLITICS.

Parliament Rejects an Appointment.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]
London, Received, October 6.
Reuter's correspondent at Peking reports that Parliament has rejected the appointment of Lu Tseng-hang as Foreign Minister, owing to his connection with Yuan Shih-kai; also as a protest against military interference in Government affairs.

JAPANESE POLITICS.

A Cabinet Crisis.

London, Received, October 6.
Reuter's correspondent at Tokyo reports that the Premier, Count Okuma, is resigning. It is stated that his resignation is due to his infirmity. He recommends Baron Kato, ex Foreign Minister, as his successor; but it is understood that the Elder Statesman favours Field Marshal Terauchi.

It is believed that the Cabinet will resign en bloc.

According to a correspondent, criticism of the Government's handling of the China problem has contributed to the fall of the Ministry.

THE YARN MARKET.

Dealers in Apathetic Mood.

Messrs. Pothwalla and Kotwall, in their report dated October 5, state:—

The improvement foreshadowed in our foregoing report, issued on the 22nd ult., has not materialised during this fortnight and the same dependent conditions have dominated the market. In spite of the steady tone manifested by cotton and exchange alike, dealers prefer the policy of aloofness, confining their attention to urgent requirements only.

Although there is nothing apparent to account for this apathetic attitude of dealers, the main causes underlying the stagnation are said to be (1) financial stringency and (2) the hindrance offered by pirates to the transit of goods into the interior, especially the southernmost countries.

The result has been a further shrinkage of business, the settlement during the fortnight barely approaching 3,000 bales. Rates nevertheless have been fairly steady and bid fair to remain so.

Total sales during the fortnight 2,600 bales.

Sold and unsold stocks in godowns 42,000 bales.

Arrivals.—The mailstr. Novara from Bombay has brought in 1,000 bales for Hongkong and 10,000 bales for Shanghai. Shipments from Hongkong to Shanghai and coast ports 2,000 bales.

Shanghai.—Has more cheering news to give of the market; the fortnightly sales of Bombay yarn being reported at 5,000 bales.

Japanese Yarn.—Continues dull and uninteresting. Holders, however, are not inclined to give way, in view of a favourable reaction advised from Osaka. Sales comprise:—46 bales 3 Horse No. 18 at \$134; 500 bales Yellow Jose No. 20 at \$142½.

Raw Cotton.—Bengal: No sales. Chinese sales: 150 (small) bales at \$31½ per picul. Quotation: Bengal at \$25 to \$28; Chinese at \$29 to \$33.

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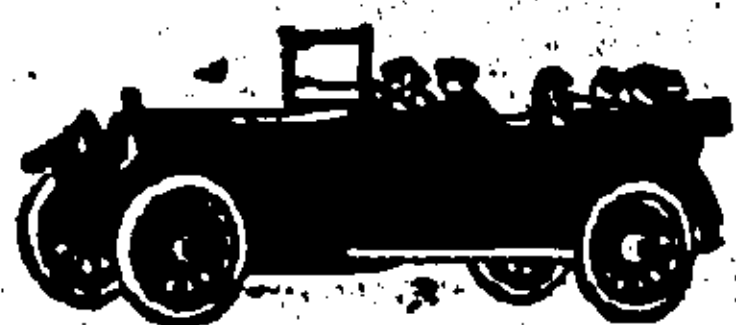
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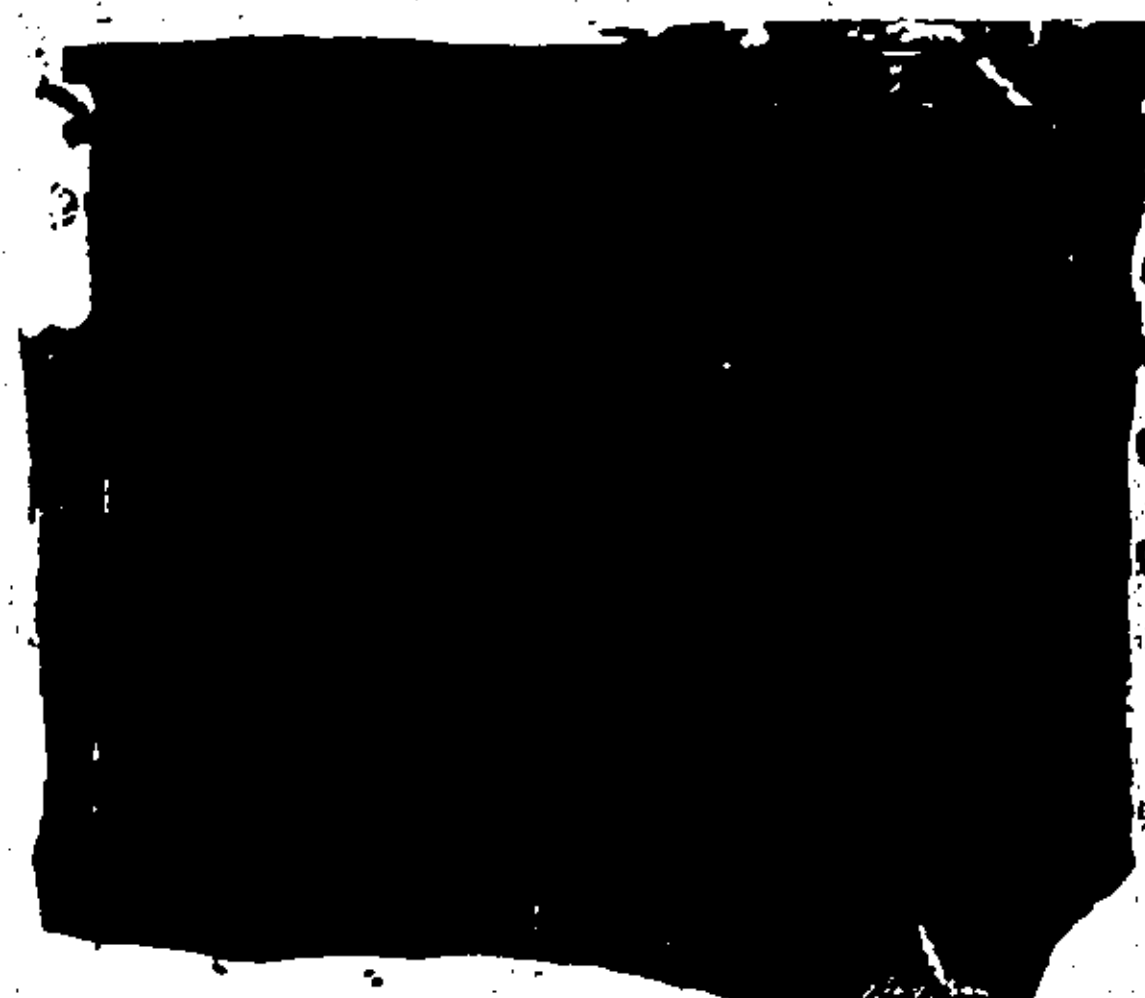
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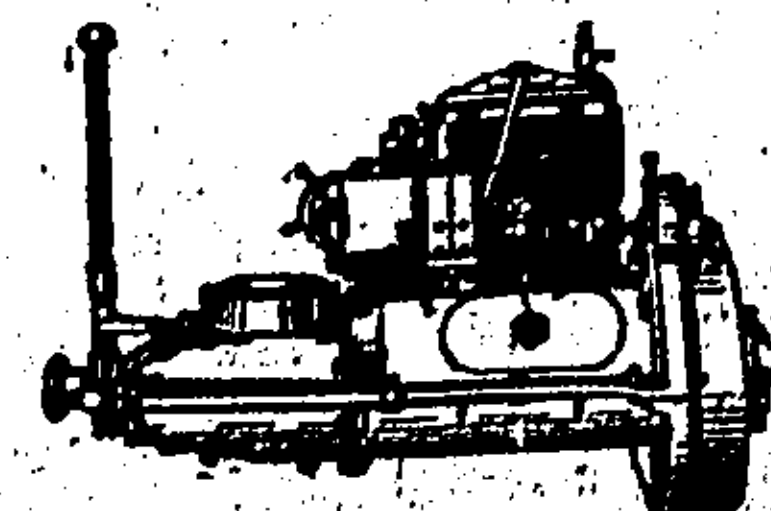
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GENERAL NEWS.

Manchu Followers in Szechuan.
Shanghai, Sept. 29.—The rob-
bers who recently attacked
Kuanhsien were a section of the
Chongchingchow or "Baishan"
the Manchus' force. This band
is said to be about 2,000 strong.
The Government is sending troops
to attempt to envelop and crush
them. The robbers, whilst at
Kuanhsien, did not molest the
missionaries.

Related to Liang Shih-yi.
Tse Kung, the Director of the
Government Mint in Wuohang,
at the beginning of September
handed in his resignation to Dr.
Chau Chin-tee, the Minister of
Finance, because he is a relative
of Liang Shih-yi and a native of
Canton. It is said that his re-
signation has been accepted, and
that Chang Tse-shan will be ap-
pointed as his successor. Mr.
Tse's family has already removed
from the Mint and they are re-
siding in the foreign settlement
in Hankow.

P.M.S. Man's Military Cross.
Particulars have reached the
Malay Mail of a very gallant act
by Mr. H. C. Kinred, formerly
acting manager of Sun Manggis
Estate, Port Dickson, and also at
one time of Selangor, by which
he has won his company and the
Military Cross. A bomb dropped
amongst seven sleeping men, and
Captain Kinred at once threw
himself upon it. He was blown
right out of the trench, but, thanks
to a Whitefield steel waistcoat
which he was wearing, escaped
with his life, though badly
wounded.

Murderer of the Late Rev. and
Mrs. Campbell.
Thanks to the indefatigable
efforts of the police, the murderer
of the late Rev. and Mrs. Campbell
at the Karuzawa mountain resort
was arrested in Shiba, Tokyo,
yesterday morning, says the
Manchuria Daily News of Septem-
ber 22. The perpetrator of the
double murder is a fellow named
Uyekami (30 years of age) who
once lived at Karuzawa. He
broke down under the relentless
cross-examination of Inspector
H. Ishimune and made a confession.

New York Rents.
A page advertisement in a New
York paper gives one a good idea
of the relative rents asked for
New York City apartments. It
begins with a palace on Fifth
Avenue overlooking Central
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population of some ten millions,
and an import and export trade,
mainly with America, of over
\$300,000,000 annually. Of these
8,000 and odd islands rather
more than 3,500 are in the Philip-
pine group, seven-eighths of which
are less than a square mile in
area.—The London Chronicle.

Germany and the U. S.
Ambassador.
Washington, August 18.—
Great interest is taken here in
official circles in the attacks made
by the German Press upon Mr.
Gerard. It is known that Mr.
Gerard's activities on behalf of
the British prisoners, and the
plain speaking in his reports,
taken together with his criticism
of the German censorship, have
caused him to be regarded in
Berlin as somewhat pro-British,
and it is intimated by officials at
the State Department that facilities
for observation generally and for
the inspection of prison camps may
not so readily be obtained by the
Ambassador now as formerly.
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step towards declaring Mr. Gerard
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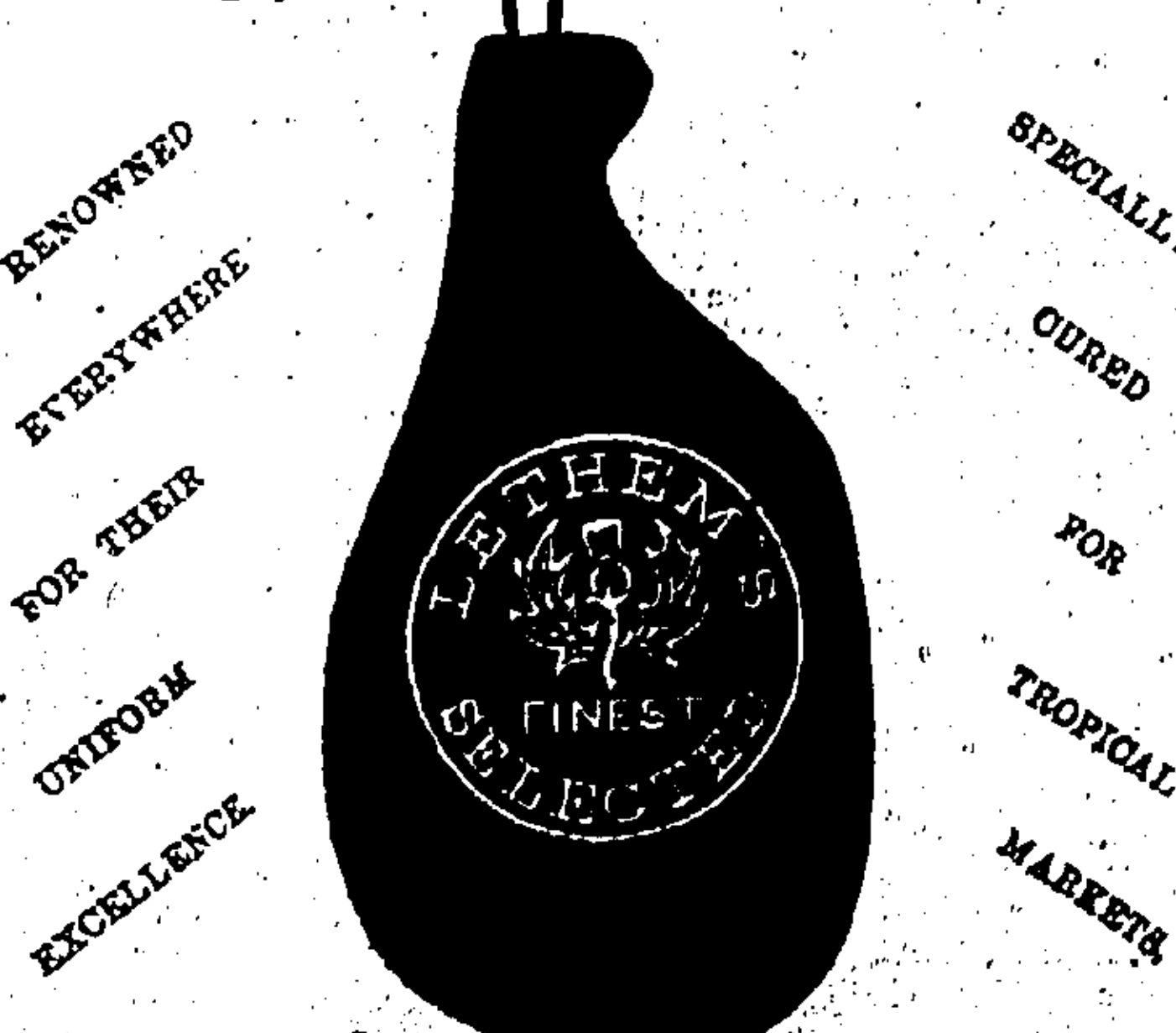
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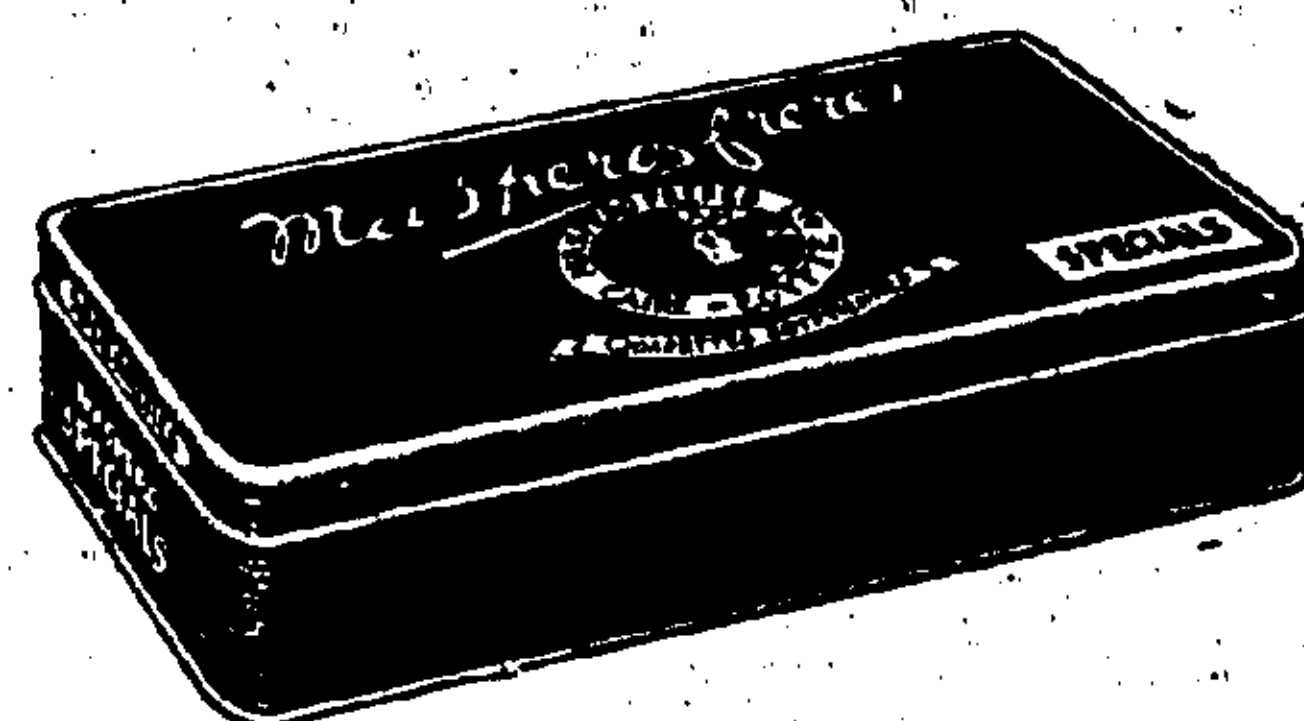
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The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1916.

AN UNFORTUNATE INCIDENT.

Everyone must regret that the proceedings at yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council should have been marked by the unseemly breeze which culminated in His Excellency the Governor adjourning the sitting before the most important business of the day—consideration of the War Loan Bill—was reached. The incident arose out of Mr. Pollock's dissatisfaction at the reply given to one of the series of questions which he addressed to the Government in regard to the conditions at the Government Civil Hospital, a subject in which he has deeply interested himself, and one which is of no inconsiderable importance to the European community of the Colony. After giving studied attention to the subject, Mr. Pollock obviously is not satisfied with certain aspects of the administration of that institution, and practically the only manner—certainly the most regular and constitutional course—in which he can get at the facts is by means of question and answer in the Legislative Council Chamber. There is no reason to suppose that in following this line Mr. Pollock is seeking anything but the improvement of conditions in this public institution, and he is most certainly to be commended for his tenacity in probing into the matter and in refusing to be content with anything but the fullest explanation on the points which he has raised.

As to the actual facts concerning the administration of the hospital, we have no specific knowledge, nor are we, for the moment, concerned with them. But there are a few considerations arising out of yesterday's unfortunate contretemps which, by reason of the points of principle involved, are deserving of notice. The enquiry which caused all the trouble was whether or not the stock of drugs and disinfectants kept in store at the hospital had been considerably reduced by the Principal Civil Medical Officer before the war. The Government's reply to the query took the form of a tabulated statement of the expenditure for the past nine years, and a statement to the effect that the present Principal Civil Medical Officer arrived in the Colony after the indent for 1913 had been forwarded to the Crown Agents. The question was certainly definite and straightforward enough, and so far as one can see, it might easily have been answered by a "Yes" or "No," with such explanation as the Government desired to append. At any rate, we can hardly see why the Government should have required a further week in which to draw up a reply, when an answer might have been given one way or the other then and there. But the central point about the whole matter is the attitude of hostility which is adopted towards unofficial members seeking enlightenment for the public good. Yesterday's proceedings provided the strongest example of that which we can recall in recent years, and we feel sure that Mr. Pollock will have the general sympathy of all reasonable-minded people because of the rebuff which he suffered while performing what he considered to be a public duty.

In matters which raise questions of maladministration, the Government would be the first to complain if the person or persons making the allegations were to obtain his or their information other than through official quarters. And, after all, the public through its representatives, whose servants the Government officers are, have a firmly-established right to demand any information it desires concerning the running of public institutions or regarding the general conduct of the Colony's affairs. Such demands may involve a deal of investigation, but, whether they do or do not, the obligation to supply the information asked for remains unchanged, provided, as in this case, the enquiry is made in due and regular form. It is on those grounds that we think His Excellency made a mistake in not meeting a plain question with an equally plain answer. As we have before remarked, the interruption in the business of the day is all the more regrettable from the fact that the Council was to have dealt with a matter of supreme importance, which has now had to be shelved for at least a week. But a point of little less seriousness is the conflict which the breeze betokened between the official and unofficial elements of the Council. After a development such as was witnessed yesterday, the need for securing a larger measure of popular control in the affairs of the Colony becomes decidedly intensified.

The Germans and Hongkong.
In looking through the old files of the Telegraph it is most interesting to note the frequency with which that candid journal draws attention, as far back as five and twenty years ago, to the aggressiveness of the Germans here. In Hongkong, as in Great Britain, a long series of apathetic Government officials, and of wilfully blind British business men, made it possible for the Germans to go on strengthening their position within our gates—meanwhile laughing right heartily at the Britisher for his patience and stupidity. So far as Hongkong was concerned, they were clever enough to make a sufficient number of British friends to ensure their getting and keeping a good foothold in all things commercial and social; and those isolated individuals who dared to object and to see these louts as they really were, and not as fancy painted them, were at once accused of bad taste. Hongkong has now had its lesson, but is it going to profit thereby? We still have seen nothing in the way of any united and authoritative protest against the Germans, being re-admitted to the Colony after the war is over. On the contrary, the Government, up to the very last, had not the pluck to remove the German coat-of-arms from over the door of the German Bank premises.

Why not a Mass Meeting?

Even as our Government left it to the Tramways Company to do its work over enforcing the use of Hongkong money here, so it stood meekly by and allowed private individuals to cover that precious coat of arms with a Union Jack. When are the people of Hongkong going to shame their Government into taking such steps as will absolutely bar Germans from ever setting foot in the Colony again? We are quite aware that Hongkong is governed, in the main, by the Colonial Office; but, as has been shown quite recently, it is quite possible for the local Government to make suggestions to the Secretary of State. Whatever pro-German theories some of the Cabinet Ministers may have in view for the Homeland when the war is over, it is very certain that the self-governing Colonies will refuse to allow a German to enter their territory; and, if the Crown Colonies would represent, through their Governors, that they also have no desire to see the Boche again, the Secretary of State would be obliged to take notice. Cannot a mass meeting be organised without more ado? If we wait till the war is over before tackling this point, everyone knows what will happen.

More Piracy.

The Daily Press, we observe, still pursues its light and airy practice of reprinting, without any acknowledgment, news items that have appeared in the Telegraph overnight. The following is a sample:—

"At about 9 p.m. on Tuesday the s.s. Shipping from Hongkong, is reported to have collided with a junk near How Lik, on the way to Shih King. The junk contained a large number of passengers and, according to Chinese statements, anywhere from sixty to a hundred persons were drowned. The s.s. Kwong Hung succeeded in picking up a large number of survivors, and conveyed them to Shih King."—Hongkong Telegraph.

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Seeing that, in addition to this sort of piracy, our contemporary is also given, upon occasion, to cribbing ideas expressed in Telegraph editorial matter, our readers will probably agree with us that we have some reasonable ground for complaint.

Cutting Grass.

Mr. John Lee, the veteran custodian at Happy Valley, arrested a man yesterday for cutting grass there, and when the offender was charged before Mr. F. A. Hazeland, at the Police Court this morning, a fine of \$10 was imposed.

DAY BY DAY.

TO-MORROW WOULD BE SWEET
IF WE COULD KILL YESTERDAY.

The Weather.
At the Peak 8 a.m. Temp. 70; sunshine. (1915, 73 slight fog.)
Lower level 8 a.m. Temp. 78; sunshine. (1915, 80 sunshine.)

The Mails.
English Mail.—Closed per a.s. Sardinia at 11 a.m. to day.
Austrian Mail.—Closed per a.s. Changsha at 11 a.m. to-morrow.

The Dollar.
The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2s. 2.3/16d.

To-morrow's Anniversary.
To-morrow is the 345th anniversary of the defeat of the Turks by the Papal Venetian and Genoese fleets.

Major Treasurer.
Captain G. W. W. Treasurer, R. G. A., formerly stationed here, has been advanced to the rank of Major.

Billiards.
Last night, in the Palace Hotel billiard tournament, Mr. Johnson beat Mr. Murphy by 250 to 220. To-night at 9 o'clock Mr. E. Kelly (over 80) meets Mr. H. Linfield (receives 20).

Hongkong Jockey Club.
The half-yearly meeting of the Jockey Club takes place to-morrow (Saturday) at noon at the offices of the Jockey Club, on the ground floor of the Hongkong Club Annex, Chater Road.

Promoted.
Major C. C. Noot, R. G. A., formerly of Singapore, and Major (Brevet Lieut.-Colonel) R. A. Craig, R. G. A., who commanded the R. G. A. at Stonehouse, have recently been promoted Lieut.-Colonels.

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For the Wounded.
"Our Little Bit" Workers Society, Kowloon, is forwarding this week, through the kindness of Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co., to Mrs. Eden, Jackanapes Work Society, 84, Marlborough Mansions, West Hampstead, S. W., 3,204 bandage rolls, 77 bed jackets, 36 suits pyjamas, 48 mill covers, 300 sweats, 13 flannel many-tailed bandages, 9 pairs socks, 4 collars, 2 Mufflers, 1 box games.

Timid Chinese.
During the fixing of a case at the Summary Court this morning, before Mr. Justice Comper, Mr. Faithful mentioned the serving of a writ on a Chinese family and said it had been taken to his mother by a boy. The woman could not now be found. His Lordship said:—"You know how timid these people are. They don't know what a writ is. They say to each other 'It is from a foreigner, you had better go.'"

The case was adjourned for one week.

Wesley Guild.
The Wesley Guild started its winter season by holding a social evening in the Soldiers and Sailors Home, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. During an interval refreshments were served. The programme was as follows:—Piano solo, Mr. Pursey; song, Mr. Turner; Recitation, Mr. Dunn; song, Mrs. Brown; song, Mr. Heskett; piano solo, Miss G. Brock; Welsh song, Mr. Jones; song, Mr. Turner; recitation, Mr. Dunn; song, Mrs. Brown; song, Mr. Heskett.

Sound Over.

A Chinese was charged before Mr. F. A. Hazeland this morning with behaving in a disorderly manner in the Praya East last evening. P.O. (R.) 828, an Indian, said he was walking with a friend and as they passed defendant he said "Moula Kwa!" Witness told him not to use such an expression and defendant then used bad language and was disorderly. Defendant said the Indian struck him with his stick. He (defendant) did not use the expression. His Worship bound the man over in the sum of \$100.

THE HON. MR. POLLOCK'S PETITION.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE TABLED.

HIS EXCELLENCY'S OPPOSITION TO THE DEMANDS:

Considerable light was thrown on the rejection of the Hon. Mr. Pollock's petition for greater representation of the public on the Executive and Legislative Councils, when the official correspondence thereon was laid on the table at the meeting of the Legislative Council. Below we give the principal papers thereon, those omitted being brief letters from the Colonial Secretary to certain Council members mentioned in Mr. Pollock's covering letter (the replies to which we publish) and the extracts from Hansard referred to by His Excellency the Governor, these being of a more or less formal character.

Government House, Hongkong,
26th May, 1916.

Sir,—I have the honour to transmit the enclosed copy of a letter addressed by the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K. C., to the Colonial Secretary covering copies of a letter addressed under the date of the 9th of March direct to you by Mr. Pollock and of a petition signed by a number of British residents in this Colony praying for greater representation of the public on the Executive and Legislative Councils, together with the accompanying copy of correspondence between the Colonial Secretary and Mr. Pollock on the subject of certain points in the letter which he has addressed to you. I have not dealt earlier with this matter because I was waiting to learn whether you wished for my comments on these communications, sent, as they were, direct to you.

2. The petitioners ask that two additional unofficial members may be added to the Executive Council, one to be elected by the Chamber of Commerce and the other by the Non-official Justices of the Peace, and that any future vacancies on the Council may be filled by election by one of those bodies. No reasons are adduced for this change in the constitution except that the two bodies mentioned "have long been recognised as representatives of the public for electoral purposes."

3. The petitioners also ask that an unofficial majority be created in the Legislative Council by increasing the number of unofficial members from 6 to 10 and that all except Chinese members may be elected, half of them by the Chamber of Commerce and half of them by the Non-official Justices of the Peace.

In support of this alteration in the constitution the only arguments adduced are (a) that official members of the Council are not free to vote according to their convictions and (b) that the unofficial members are in permanent and hopeless minority because the Governor can command the votes of the official members.

The first is a well worn but weak argument, for it is obviously impracticable to allow Government officers to vote against measures introduced by the Government.

The second has little real weight. If weighty examples existed of the overriding of popular opinion by the arbitrary exercise of the official vote they would surely find a place in such a Petition as this. No such examples are adduced, for the good reason that no such examples can be found.

There is not an Ordinance on the Statute book of the Colony of which it can be said that it was forced through the Council without carefully and patiently consulting the interests affected by the legislation. The history of the legislation affecting sanitation and buildings is one conspicuous example among many of the scrupulous care with which vested interests and public opinion are consulted, sometimes with a tendency too pronounced to overcome opposition by too generous concessions.

Nor can I call to mind any important question during the past 30 years not involving legislation of which it can be said that the Government forced its will upon an unwilling people. I feel sure that two of the most influential bodies in the Colony, the Chinese Community and the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, would not be slow to acknowledge that the Government is never remiss in consulting them in all questions affecting trade and commerce and the native community.

4. The principle involved in the prayer of the petitioners, as far as it relates to the Legislative Council, has been raised in this Colony before. It is the natural aspiration of Englishmen to govern themselves, and it is an aspiration with which I personally cannot but sympathise. But I venture to think that the petitioners have scarcely appreciated the special nature of local conditions. To indicate some of these I cannot do better than quote from Lord Ripon's despatch, No. 135 of the 23rd of August, 1894, in answer to a similar petition, in which he wrote:—

"To sum up, the petitioners ask nominally that Hongkong should be given self-government, and an elective system. In my opinion the place and its circumstances are wholly unsuited for what is proposed."

"An Imperial Station with great Imperial interests, on the borders of a foreign land, the nucleus of wide reaching British interests in the Far East, must, it appears to me, be kept under Imperial protection and under Imperial control."

"In saying this much I am assuming that the self-government would be worthy of the name, and that the elective system would include all ranks of the community, but this is not what the petition demands. Those who framed it and signed it would, I gather, desire to place the power in the hands of a select few, and to constitute a small oligarchy, restricted by the lines of race. To any such change I am opposed. I consider that the well-being of the large majority of the inhabitants is more likely to be safeguarded by the Crown Colony system, under which, as far as possible, no distinction is made of rank or race, than by representation which would leave the bulk of the population wholly unrepresented."

"I can therefore hold out no hope that Hongkong will cease to be a Crown Colony," and from the despatch of the late Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, No. 119 of the 29th of May, 1896, in which he stated:—

"In his despatch of the 23rd of August, 1894, Lord Ripon stated that he could hold out no hope that Hongkong will cease to be a Crown Colony. Neither can I hold out any such hope, for I conceive that in the case of Hongkong, Representative Government whatever form of franchise it might be based, and with whatever supposed safeguards as to the Executive power, would be wholly out of place."

5. It scarcely seems necessary for me to endorse these weighty pronouncements of eminent Administrators and Statesmen, except to point out that it is quite impracticable to apply the principle of election to appointments to a body like the Executive Council. This is a question which has not been previously raised in this Colony, and it does not seem necessary to set out the very obvious reasons for which such a proposal could not be entertained. But I would briefly draw attention to the nature of the electorate to whom the petitioners would confine the election of all the unofficial members of the Executive Council and of eight out of ten of the unofficial majority in the Legislative Council.

The census for 1911 shows that the total population was 436,730, composed of 12,075 non-Chinese and 444,664 Chinese, and that at that time the British male adult population numbered 1,640. From the same census the following figures in respect of the civil population in 1911 are deduced:—

(a) Male adult British subjects of Portuguese race ... 370

(b) Male adult British subjects of Indian race (exclusive of Police, Galt Staff and Watchmen) ... 357

(c) Male adult British subjects of Chinese race (i.e., Chinese born in Hongkong) ... 21,090

Note to (c).—Of these it is calculated that 2,800 are men of good education, the majority of whom speak English.

It is proposed by the petitioners that the franchise should be given to the members of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce who number 150 comprised as follows:—

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| British | ... | 108 members. |
| French | ... | 3 " |
| Dutch | ... | 4 " |
| American | ... | 4 " |
| Japanese | ... | 6 " |
| Chinese | ... | 3 " |
| British Indian | ... | 15 " |
| Portuguese | ... | 4 " |
| Swedish | ... | 1 " |
| Norwegian | ... | 1 " |
| Belgian | ... | 1 " |
| Russian | ... | 2 " |

150 members.

(Note:—Of these about 25 are not even British Subjects; and to the Un-official Justices of the Peace who are all British subjects but whose number is limited to 120.

6. I will turn now to the covering letter which Mr. Pollock has addressed to you.

I do not know how far Mr. Pollock represents in this letter the view of the signatories of the petitioners. But it is obvious that he can have no authority for claiming that in signing the petition these gentlemen committed themselves to anything more than their individual and personal opinions, and I am quite sure that they themselves would not claim more than this. Nobody knows better than the learned Counsel that a Director or a whole Board of Directors can only speak for a public company after obtaining the approval of a meeting of shareholders held in pursuance of a notice which has stated that such approval would be asked for. The signatures to the petition do not therefore in any way represent the long list of Commercial and Industrial Companies set out in the letter.

On the other hand, it is remarkable that two out of the four European unofficial members of the Legislative Council have not signed the petition; that the two Chinese unofficial members who represent one of the largest commercial interests in the Colony—that of the Chinese community—declined the overture made to them, as I am assured, on two occasions with a view to obtaining their and other Chinese signatures; that the managers of the two greater European mercantile interests in the Colony—the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation and the firm of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire—have declined to lend even their personal support to the petition; that Sir Paul Chater, O.M.G., unofficial member of the Executive Council, and Mr. E. H. Sharp, K.C., who has been appointed to be an unofficial member of that Council since the petition was launched, have likewise refrained from supporting it; and finally that the most important and influential public body in the Colony, the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, have not signed the petition notwithstanding the fact that it is upon its shoulders that the petitioners would lay the responsibility of electing in the future two unofficial members of the Executive and four unofficial members of the Legislative Council.

7. In this letter as in the petition itself there is a striking absence of any adequate reason for a violent constitutional change. The instances given of the alleged constant employment of the official vote "to vote down" the unofficial members are so inept that their citation might be adduced as an argument to prove the absence of any legitimate grievance.

I attach excerpts from Hansard of all that passed in the Legislative Council concerning the vote in Finance Committee in connection with the Law Courts. The Chairman of that Committee was of opinion, and I agree with it, that no useful purpose would be

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THE HON. MR. POLLOCK'S
PETITION.

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served by further discussing the matter in the face of the circumstances described in my previous remarks in Council; and it is to be noted that although at the meeting a fortnight later, when the proceedings of the Finance Committee were brought up for confirmation, I alluded to the vote no question was raised upon it by unofficial members.

8. With regard to the question of appointing a Commission to enquire into the organisation of the Nursing Staff at the Government Civil Hospital, I would invite your perusal of the enclosed extracts from Hansard which give an accurate account of the discussion in the Legislative Council on this subject.

In intimating to the Council that I was unable to accept the motion of Mr. Pollock for the appointment of a Commission, I explained that I had asked your permission to increase the Nursing Staff by 3 Sisters, and in the circumstances I put it to the Council that a Commission of Enquiry was not necessary. The mover of the resolution preferred to ask for a division, on which it is true that the unofficial members voted on one side and the official members and the General Officer Commanding on the other. But I think any impartial person would come to the conclusion that in this matter the Government did not "treat the unofficial members in an adverse and hostile spirit instead of taking them into their counsel and co-operation" to use Mr. Pollock's words. Moreover, I am convinced that the other unofficial members did not consider that they were being so treated. I append a memorandum in which I have explained in detail the circumstances under which vacancies have occurred in the Nursing Staff and the steps taken to fill them.

I do not think that more effective steps could have been taken to cope with an abnormal situation created by the war. It is true that leave cannot now be granted to two Sisters who have just become due for it under the new system of leave after 4 instead of 5 years' service. But the Matron returned in March from a year's leave and one Sister is absent on a year's leave. One of the Sisters now due for leave was given at her own request 4 months' leave to Europe at the end of 1914, but eventually she did not take the leave, though it was pointed out that it was desirable that she should take the leave when it was convenient to the Government.

Finally, I may mention that in February last the two Sisters now due for leave were offered short leave of 2 months each to visit Japan during the current year. They refused the offer.

9. Mr. Pollock makes two very important suggestions in his covering letter which are not mentioned in the petition. One, that the extremely limited franchise advocated by the petitioners should be discarded for one consisting of Special and Common Jurors, with certain additions. The other, that to the ten unofficial members of Legislative Council asked for by the petitioners there should be added 2 nominated Chinese members. I refrain from comment upon these suggestions, as I have no means of knowing whether they represent the views of any responsible person or persons prepared to submit such changes for your consideration. Nor do I propose to criticise the articles from the local and from the Shanghai Press since they contain no point not covered by the fundamental objections to any form of self-government in this Colony.

10. In paragraph 8 of his letter Mr. Pollock hazards the opinion that the Government sent to the Press some of the correspondence concerning the petition of 1894 "in the hope that they would adversely affect the signing of the petition." The Government had no such unworthy motive. In asking the Press to publish the correspondence it acted merely on a suggestion made by Mr. H. W. Looker, the head of the leading firm of solicitors in Hongkong, who was no doubt actuated by

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the sound principle that it is wise for a man to hear both sides of a question before arriving at a decision.

11. I enclose copy of the questions put by Mr. Pollock at the meeting of the Legislative Council to which he refers in paragraph 5 of his letter, and of my answer thereto. I do not consider that there is any weight in the argument that an increase in the unofficial element in the Executive and Legislative Councils is necessary for the purpose of dealing with trade and shipping problems which may arise in anticipation of the closing of the war.

The Mercantile Community has ample means through the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce and otherwise of making any suggestions they desire on questions which must obviously be dealt with by His Majesty's Government on lines of Imperial policy and cannot be left to the Legislature of a Crown Colony. —I have, etc.,

F. H. May,
Governor, etc.

[Enclosure 1]

Prize's Building, Hongkong,
9th March, 1916.

Sr.—I beg leave to inform H.E. the Governor that I have this day posted to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies the petition for greater unofficial representation on the Councils of this Colony and a copy of the signatures thereto, together with a covering letter and the inclosures thereto; and I now inclose similar documents for the information of His Excellency, with the exception that I am sending herewith the original signatures to the petition instead of a copy thereof.

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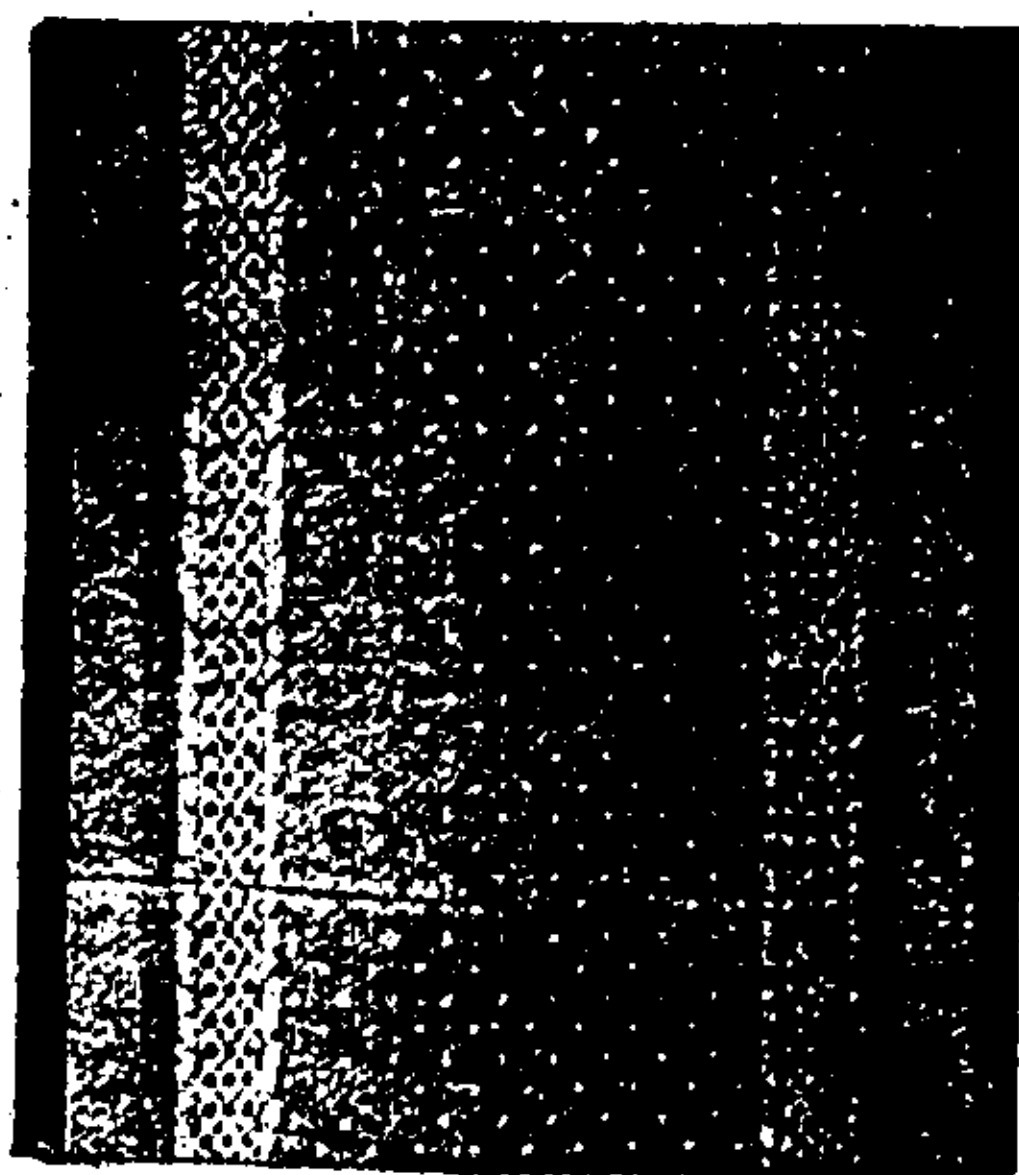
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COMMERCIAL.

Swedish Iron Ore Exports.

The iron ore exports from Oxelund from 30th. July to 5th August have been 22,450 tons, making 782,697 tons since 1st January, in comparison with 758,215 tons during the same period last year.

Commercial and Produce Markets.

London, Aug. 30.—The Bank rate remains unchanged at 6 per cent. The

SHARE MARKET
QUOTATIONS.

Up to the Minute.

| | | | |
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| Bank. | b. | \$ | 770.00. |
| Donghai. | a. | \$ | 122.50. |
| Indes (Def.) | b. | \$ | 131.00. |
| Star Ferries. | b. | \$ | 38.00. |
| China Sugars. | b. | \$ | 113.00. |
| Luxon Sugars. | b. | \$ | 37.00. |
| H.K. Wharves. | a. | \$ | 83.50. |
| K'loon Docks. | b. | \$ | 130.00. |
| Shai Docks. | b. | \$ | 87.00. |
| Humphreys. | b. | \$ | 6.75. |
| Ewos. | a. | \$ | 148.00. |
| Kung Yik. | b. | \$ | 14.25. |
| Shai Cottons. | b. | \$ | 98.00. |
| Yangtsepoos. | b. | \$ | 5.50. |
| Cements. | b. | \$ | 10.25. |
| H.K. Electric. | a. | \$ | 55.00. |
| H.K. Tramway. | a. | \$ | 7.20. |
| Watsons. | a. | \$ | 7.00. |

LANGKAT OUTPUT.

Messrs. Benjamin and Potts
advise us that the Langkat output
is as follows:—

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| October 1 | ... | Tons | 148 |
| " 2 | ... | " | 129 |
| " 3 | ... | " | 112 |
| " 4 | ... | " | 101 |
| " 5 | ... | " | 137 |

Total to 5th inst. 618

Daily average 123.60

THEATRE ROYAL.

"The Land of Promise."

The Howitt Phillips Repertory Company presented W. Somerset Maugham's new play, "The Land of Promise," at the Royal Theatre last evening, and, despite the fact that there was not a very large attendance, the production was a success in every way.

The scene of the play is, for the most part, laid in the Canadian West and the theme is one which gave the author many opportunities to display his skill in the way of handling tense situations, and he has by no means neglected to take full advantage of them. The play could well be called a powerful one. It resolves itself into a contest between the wills of a man and woman thrown together in a country of almost untouched resources. The circumstances of their meeting are novel, their respective outlook on the things and ways of life are widely divergent, and it was inevitable that conflict should ensue. How the superiority of the man's strength is the only basis on which their conduct rests until the force of love comes to each to make them equal is told with real dramatic skill, and the curtain falls to find them at one in the common purpose of fighting stern nature to make the prairie country a habitable place to live in and a source of material wealth.

The work of the company was in every respect excellent, the laurels going to Miss Gertrude Godart and Mr. Charles Howitt, who impersonated the two leading characters with marked ability. Both parts were exciting ones, but they were carried through in powerful manner. Mr. Percy Baverstock as Edward Marsh, was a strong member of the cast, and same remark can be applied to Miss Grace Ray, whose work as Gertrude Marsh, the selfish and jealous wife of Edward, came in for a deal of appreciation. Mr. Wheeler Dryden, as the work-shirker, was capital, and Miss Doris Phillips, in the small part of Dorothy Wickham, was to great advantage. The rest of the performers were successful in their respective parts, and the presentation, as a whole, was well up to the high standard this company has maintained on this visit.

To-night "Peg o' My Heart" is being given.

St. Joseph's Church.
At the ten o'clock Mass at St. Joseph's Church on Sunday, October 8, Dom Peroni's celebrated "Missa Pontificalis" will be sung. Mass will be followed by a special supplication service, Litany and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

THE HARBOUR SWIM.

A Good Win for Finch.

Much enthusiasm was shown in the Harbour swim, which took place last evening for a cup offered by Messrs. Gande, Price and Company. Long before the race began, a huge crowd lined the seafront on both sides of the Harbour, and competitors as they took their seats on the launch to cross to the Kowloon Station received good wishes for their success. The weather was just as it should be, and the water finely tempered, but conditions would have been better if the tide was not so strong.

The competitors were:—J. P. Johnstone, J. C. Finch, M. L. Reilston, J. Stewart, and Lema. Barros, whose name had been mentioned as a likely competitor, did not take the water. The swimmers were taken over on the Judges' launch (Dr. Kech, and Mr. Otto Kong Sing) they were accompanied by a large number of friends and well-wishers.

The swimmers started off the side of the launch at the word of Mr. R. O. Wittell, official starter, and for a few yards held well together, but afterwards Johnstone, Finch and Reilston, with Stewart a very close follower, led in front of Lema, who did not make up the distance again and was a hundred yards behind. Lema traversed Stewart was keeping him company not far ahead. Reilston made a very plucky attempt to hold his own with the two premier swimmers, but he had at length to fall back, leaving the issue of the race to be decided by Finch and Johnstone. With a few yards separating them, Finch and Johnstone made capital headway neck-and-neck and it was not until the half way line had been nearly reached that any difference in them was noted. It was here that Johnstone felt the effects of the tide. At first it was not apparent, but the steady separation of the two men clearly showed that Johnstone had run foul of a strong current, but it was good to see the plucky fight he put up to keep his course instead of going westward. Finch, on the other hand, might have been guided by an invisible hand. Not a foot did he appear to have deviated from the path he had set himself, and he plodded along with a powerful stroke. From now onwards he steadily forged ahead of Johnstone, who when he was nearing Murray Pier, had to make a wide detour to get back to the course. Finch consequently finished some distance ahead, and he touched the Hongkong side in 23 mins. 24 secs. from leaving Kowloon, Johnstone following with 24 mins. 54 secs. and Reilston at 24 mins. 09 secs. Lema dropped out and Stewart finished at the boat landing of the V. R. C. It was a capital race, and leaves a hope that it will be a regular annual event in the future.

In distributing the prizes, the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn congratulated Finch on winning the race as there was a considerable tide running, but he had completed the distance only a few seconds above the record. The race was organized in 1906 by the China Mail, and had been held annually until 1913, and when they remembered the names of T. Logan and R. O. Wittell. As formerly competing, he expressed thanks to Messrs. Gande, Price and Company for putting up the cup and to the donors of the other prizes who preferred to remain anonymous. Johnstone had made a plucky effort and although he was carried west by the tide he finished the distance only a short way behind. The day would not be far distant when he would win the race. Reilston had completed the distance in such good time that he had been awarded a prize.

Finch, in a brief speech, said Johnstone was a good lad and he hoped he would win the race next year.

To-morrow's Auction.

Mr. G. P. Lammert is selling a quantity of ladies' and gents' suitings, etc., at his sales rooms at 11 a.m. to-morrow.

THE HON. MR. POLLOCK'S
PETITION.

(Continued from page 5.)

In conclusion, I would most respectfully draw the attention of His Excellency the Governor to paragraph 10 of the said covering letter, and I now specially appeal to him that, in justice and fairness to the petitioners and their cause, I may be furnished with copies of all despatches and of all inclusions thereto which are sent by His Excellency the Governor or by the Hongkong Government to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies with reference to or in any way connected with the above petition. —I am, etc.,

H. E. POLLOCK.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary.

[Enclosure 2.]

Hongkong, 9th March, 1916.
To the Rt. Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Sir,—I in forwarding to you a petition from the British residents in this Colony for greater unofficial representation on the Executive and Legislative Councils, I would ask leave to make some observations in this covering letter, by way partly of explanation and partly of argument.

2. In the first place I would point out that this petition has been signed by 558 persons, (of whom about one dozen are Portuguese and British Indians, who, as hereafter stated in paragraph 6, were not intended to sign) whereas the 1894 petition for greater representation, which is hereafter referred to, though open for signature by persons of every nationality, was signed by 333 only, of whom 284 were British, 10 Anglo-Chinese, 3 Americans, 4 Portuguese, and 47 British Indians.

3. In the second place I would beg leave to mention that the first 28 signatures are those of representatives of important shipping, commercial, and financial institutions doing business in this Colony, as the following particulars will show:—(Here follow the names of prominent business men who signed the petition and the interests they control.)

4.—Mr. Landale, the Hongkong head of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., and Mr. Shellim, the Hongkong head of Messrs. David Sassoon & Co., Ltd., as nominated members upon the Legislative Council, might not naturally have been expected to have some bias against the petition, but Mr. Landale informed me quite frankly that he was in favour of an unofficial majority on the Legislative Council and was generally in favour of the other objects of the petition, but that he thought that it would be an ungracious act for him to sign because the Hongkong head of Jardine, Matheson & Co. had always been nominated by the Government to a seat on the Legislative Council, without the necessity of any election, and that, by signing himself, he might be affecting in the above respect the position of future heads of Jardine, Matheson and Co. Mr. Shellim wrote to me that he was sorry that he could not meet his way to signing the petition, as he did not consider the time opportune, but that generally he agreed with it and thought that it would have a better chance if brought forward at a more fitting opportunity.

Sir Paul Chater, who, as Mr. Chater, signed, in 1894, the petition to the House of Commons which asked (inter alia) not only for a British unofficial majority on the Legislative Council, but also for freedom of debate and voting for the official members, expressed his unwillingness to sign any such petition now, on the ground that the time was inopportune because of the war.

Mr. Edkins, who is in charge of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire here, without committing himself to any definite view either for or against the objects of the petition, stated that it would, in any event, be impossible for him, as paid Manager of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, to sign any such petition without first referring the matter home to the partners in that firm for their decision.

Mr. Stubb, Chief Manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, stated his view that no change of any sort in the constitution was required,

With all due deference to Mr. Stubb's view I would point out:—
(i) That a former Chief Manager of that Bank, Sir Thomas Jackson, K.C.M.G. (then Mr. Jackson), signed the above-mentioned petition to the House of Commons in 1894, at a time when he had not only been Chief Manager of the Bank for 18 years, but had also had some personal experience himself as an unofficial member of the Legislative Council.

(ii) That all the Directors of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank (except Mr. Edkins, who adopted a non-committal attitude as above stated) are in general agreement with the petition.

5. With regard to the suggestion that the present time is inopportune for forwarding any such Petition (which suggestion seems rather like an echo of the utterance of His Excellency the Governor, in the Legislative Council, on the 23rd December last when I first raised the question) I would beg leave to state that it is fully and clearly recognised that, under the war conditions at present prevailing, no definite answer can be expected to this petition until after the lapse of some months, but it is nevertheless earnestly and respectfully hoped that the consideration of this Petition will not be shelved until the end of the present War, because it is felt that increased Unofficial representation on the Councils is desirable before that time arrives, in order that a Government, more representative of the wishes of the business men of this Colony, may be established for the purpose of dealing with any trade and shipping problems which may arise in anticipation of the close of the war.

6. I would also beg leave to draw your attention to the enclosed letter which I addressed to the four local British newspapers, enclosing a copy of the petition, in which, in consequence of suggestions made to me, I promised that I would bring to your notice, in the covering letter forwarding the Petition, the desire expressed for a more comprehensive electoral body than the Chamber of Commerce or the Non-official Justices of the Peace.

I may add that it was deemed advisable to limit the signatories to those of British Race, and that no members of the Indian, Portuguese or Chinese communities have been asked to sign, though (as above stated) a few Indians and Portuguese have signed the Petition, presumably because they considered that they were interested as possible prospective voters, in their capacity of Jurors.

7. The Chinese Unofficial Members of Council have not signed the Petition, (no Chinese being invited to sign, as above stated). In connection with this latter point, it may be observed that, if two additional Chinese Members were to be added to the Legislative Council, in addition to the 10 Unofficial Members suggested in the Petition, the present proportion of Chinese Members to the rest of the Unofficial Members would be preserved. I should also be noted that the present Petition does not ask, as did the 1894 Petition, for a British Unofficial Majority, and consequently whether the number of Unofficials be 10 or be increased to 12 by the addition of two Chinese Members, it would be impossible to get an Unofficial Majority otherwise than by the combined European and Chinese Unofficial Vote. There would, therefore, be no risk whatever (as there might have been if the prayer of the 1894 Petition had been granted) of the wishes of the important Chinese community in this Colony being overruled by the vote of the British Unofficial Members outweighing the combined votes both of the Official and the Chinese Members.

The power of the Governor to suspend legislation and of the Secretary of State to veto it are additional safeguards to the rights of the native population.

8. I also enclose for your perusal articles by the four local British newspapers on the Petition when it was first published in the Press, and the Comments of the leading British newspaper in Shanghai, the North China Daily News (as copied into our local Press) and also a leading article of the Hongkong Daily Press upon the documents connected with the Petition of 1894, which

documents were sent by the Hongkong Government to the Press for publication, on the 25th January, 1916, apparently in the hope that they would adversely affect the signing of the Petition.

9. It is probably superfluous to point out that the said Official Vote has constantly been employed for the purposes of voting down the Unofficial Members, and their wishes, and I will content myself, therefore, with citing two instances from the Hongkong Hansard for 1914:—

(i) On the 23rd April 1914 (see p. 39 of Hansard), the Motion of the late Mr. Hewitt, in Finance Committee, in which he was supported by all the other Unofficials then present, for the adjournment of the Law Courts for one fortnight only, was defeated by the Official Vote.

(ii) At the very next Meeting of the Council, on the 7th May, 1914 (see p. 47 of Hansard), the Motion made by me for a Commission of 5 Unofficial Justices to be appointed to inquire into the sufficiency in number, efficiency and organisation of the Nursing Staff at the Government Hospitals was defeated by the Official Vote, with, I may add, very unfortunate results at the present time, for

1. The Government Civil Hospital is yet more understaffed than it was then for the carrying on of the ordinary work; and is in fact seriously understaffed in view of the annual recurrence of plague, combined with cases of typhoid and other serious diseases; and

2. Sisters, who are due for leave and urgently require it after 4 years' work, are now unable to obtain it, and I may add that the difficulty of getting Nurses to come out to serve in the Government Hospitals in Hongkong is not in any way due to the War, for there is no similar difficulty experienced in getting Nurses to serve in Singapore and the Federated Malay States.

In making my Motion, on the above occasion, I said (see p. 44 of Hansard):—"I think it is very much to be regretted that in this case many other cases the Government of this Colony has treated the Unofficial Members in an adverse and hostile spirit instead of taking the Unofficial Members into their counsel and co-operation."

One is, in fact, forced to believe that such almost automatic and decidedly arbitrary employments of the Official Vote, as are referred to above, most decidedly would not take place if the Unofficials were not in a permanent and hopeless minority, being unable by any possible powers of persuasion or argument to obtain a majority of votes. In short the Official can defeat the Unofficials with neatness and despatch every single time, no matter how strong the weight of public opinion is behind the latter, and the so-called representatives of the public on the Council have no real power whatever to give effect to the wishes of the public.

10. I am forwarding the Petition with the original signatures thereto and a copy of this covering letter to the Colonial Secretary here for transmission to His Excellency the Governor, and I am at the same time asking, and I submit that my request is a perfectly reasonable one, that I should be furnished with a copy of every Despatch of His Excellency the Governor and of the Hongkong Government to you, upon or in any way connected with the Petition, and of any enclosure therein, in order that I may have, in consultation with others, an opportunity of replying to such Despatch or Despatches and enclosures (if any).

With many apologies for the length of this letter,—I am, Sir, Your most obedient servant,
H. E. POLLOCK.

[Enclosure 4 (A).]

Hongkong, 18th March, 1916.

Sir,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th inst. stating that you have sent to the Secretary of State for the Colonies a Petition, with copy of the signatures thereto together with a covering letter and enclosures, praying for greater unofficial representation on the Councils of the Colony, and enclosing copies of the documents with signatures to the Petition in original for the information of the Governor.

In reply I am to transmit to you a copy of Colonial Regulation No. 218 and to point out that

your action in forwarding the Petition to the Secretary of State for the Colonies direct is irregular and does not serve any useful object.

With regard to your request that all despatches from the Governor to the Secretary of State on this subject should be published, I am to point out that His Excellency has no objection whatever to that course, but since the correspondence will be addressed to the Secretary of State its publication is a matter for the Secretary of State to decide.

As a lawyer you will appreciate the importance in a matter of this kind of referring your quotations of opinions of Messrs. Landale and Shellim to the principals. I attach for your information the enclosed correspondence on the subject.

I am also to forward for your information correspondence with the Chinese unofficial members of the Council on the subject of your statement that no members of the Chinese community were asked to sign the Petition, which I may here observe was deposited in various public places for anyone to sign who might wish to do so. —I am, etc.,

CLAUD SEVERN,

Colonial Secretary.

The Honourable

Mr. H. E. Pollock, K. O.

In reply to letters of inquiry from the Colonial Secretary, the following were received:—
Hongkong, 16th March, 1916.

Sir,—I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 14th instant.

The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, without any application for any sanction, has made use of my name in a manner which was not warranted by any conversation I had with him and has represented views which I do not remember giving expression to in a light favourable to his petition with a view of explaining the absence of my signature therefrom.

My personal views on the subject, dealt with in the petition, are not fully crystallised, and I thought I made it clear to Mr. Pollock that I could not support any changes in the Government here without first being given time to submit them to those I represent at home.—I am, etc.,

DAVID LANDALE

The Hon. Mr. Claud Severn,

Colonial Secretary, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 16th March, 1916.
Sir,—In reply to your letter of the 14th March, No. 2003/1916, I have the honour to inform you that I am correctly reported in the passage quoted by you.

I beg to point out, however, that my letter was supplementary to a conversation I had with Mr. Pollock in which I expressed the view that some well considered concessions might well be made by the Government, but I did not consider the present an opportune time to raise the question. My letter should be read entirely with reference to such conversation, which did not refer in any way to the details of the petition or proposals which I had not considered and which it was impossible for me to study in the time, then at my disposal.

I am emphatically of opinion that, at this stage of the Great War in which the Nation is engaged, it is out of place to bring forward a question of the nature of the petition.—I am, etc.,

E. SHELLIM

The Honourable The Colonial Secretary, Present.

Hongkong, 15th March, 1916.

Sir,—We have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 2003/1916 dated the 14th instant enclosing a copy of an extract from Mr. H. E. Pollock's letter, etc.

In reply, we beg to state that Mr. Pollock had twice spoken to us on the subject of the petition to the Secretary of State for the Colonies and we suggested that we had better be left alone as we had heard no mention of the matter by the Chinese public nor had they approached us on the question.—We have, etc.,

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LAU CHU-PAN

The Honourable The Colonial Secretary.

Prince's Buildings, Hongkong,

22nd March, 1916.

Sir,—Your letter to me of the 18th instant did not reach my office till the 20th (on which day I was absent from the office) and I now beg leave to reply to it and

to its inclosures, and I beg to request you to kindly transmit this letter of mine to the Right Honourable The Secretary of State for the Colonies, at the same time as you forward to him your letter to me of the 18th instant, and its inclosures.

2.—With regard to the third paragraph of your said letter I beg leave respectfully to point out that the request contained in my letter to you of the 9th instant was not a request that all despatches from the Governor to the Secretary of State on the subject of the Petition should be published, though I should, if I may be permitted to say so, welcome such publication, but my request was, in fact, for something different, namely, that "in justice and fairness to the Petitioners and their cause I may be furnished with copies of all despatches and of all inclusions thereto which are sent by His Excellency the Governor or the Hongkong Government to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies with reference to or in any way connected with the Petition."

3.—I am much obliged to you for forwarding to me copies of correspondence which has passed between Mr. Landale and Mr. Shellim and the Chinese members of Council and yourself and beg to say as follows:—

(1).—With regard to Mr. Landale's letter to you of the 16th instant, I adhere to and repeat the statements which I made in paragraph 4 of my covering letter, of the 9th inst., to the Secretary of State, because those statements are absolutely true. I may add that Mr. Landale never gave me to understand that he could not sign the Petition (of which I left a copy with him for perusal) without first referring the matter home, and that the only reason which he gave me for not signing the Petition is the reason which I have quoted in paragraph 4 of my said covering letter.

As Mr. Landale did not ask me to treat what he said to me as confidential, I cannot admit that there was any impropriety on my part in quoting him, or that there was any necessity for first obtaining his sanction.

(2). With reference to Mr. Shellim's letter to you of the 16th instant, in which he seeks to qualify what he wrote to me by a previous verbal conversation, I beg leave to state that, at the only verbal conversation which I had with him on the subject, he asked me to leave a copy of the Petition with him (which I did) and told me that he would put his views into writing and send them to me, which he did on the following day, and he admits that I have correctly quoted to the Secretary of State what he (Mr. Shellim) wrote to me.

(3). With regard to the Chinese members of Council, the question arose, while I was discussing a draft of the Petition with them, as to whether the Chinese should be included in the Petition, and the Chinese members said they had better be omitted. Accordingly, when the Petition was printed in its final shape and ready for signature, I did not invite them or any of the Chinese to sign the Petition, which was not sent to any Chinese Club, Institution or Store. Moreover, the Petition expressly states, in its terms, that it is a Petition by "British Residents" and it was, therefore, not open (as you suggest in your letter under acknowledgment) "for any one to sign who might wish to do so." The Petition of 1894, on the other hand, was, by its terms, open to signatories of every race.—I am, etc.,

H. E. POLLOCK.

The Honourable Colonial Secretary.

Unjust Scales.

Inspector Terrett had two cases of shopkeepers using faulty scales to be heard this morning at the Magistrate's Court before Mr. J. R. Wood. One case was that in which Messrs. Abdullah and Sons, of Hollywood Road, were summoned for having four pairs of bad scales, one of which was as much as 12 per cent. against the purchaser. His Worship imposed a fine of \$100. The other case was against the master of a poultry stall, 61 Central Market. He had three unjust scales in his possession, all six per cent. against the purchaser. A fine of \$40 was imposed.

GENERAL SHIPPING NEWS.

T. K. K. To Build Huge Steamer.

The Toyo Kisen Kaisha is now contemplating to build at its new dockyard recently established on the capital of Y5,000,000, a passenger steamer to be christened the San Francisco Maru, which will be the largest in the Company's fleet and of all the steamers now on the Pacific service says the "Manchuria Daily News." Having a length of 636 ft., the new vessel will be longer by 46 ft. than the Empress of Russia, and the Empress of Asia, the two sister ships of the C.P.R.

Danish Shipping Profits.

The Danish steamship companies Uytren and Gefion (managers, Holm and Wansild), Copenhagen, have issued their reports for the first half of 1918. The Uytren Co. has made a profit of 1,356,200 kroner; for the whole of 1915 it was 1,385,567 kroner. The profits of Gefion Co. amount to 1,177,200 kroner for the first six months of the year compared with 1,405,046 kroner for the whole of last year. The two companies have for the half-year earned far more than the whole of their share capital. The dividends to the shareholders for 1915 were respectively 50 and 60 per cent.

Shanghai Shipping.

During the quarter ended March, 1918, the total number and tonnage of steamers which entered and cleared at Shanghai was 4,524 steamers of 4,093,611 tons. Of the total 1,748 steamers of 3,032,579 tons were ocean steamers which was an increase of eighty steamers and 3,032,579 tons over the same quarter the year before, and 624 steamers of 913,239 tons were river steamers which was an increase of forty-nine vessels and 40,346 tons. The percentages of the total were 38.8 British, 32.7 Japanese, 19.0 Chinese, 3.1 French and 6.4 American, Danish, Dutch, Norwegian, Portuguese, Russian and Swedish.

Norwegian Shipping Activity.

A New Norwegian shipping company, named Tonsberg Dampskibsselskab A. S., with a minimum capital of 1,500,000 and maximum of 4,000,000 kroner, has ordered a 7,000 tons deadweight tank steamer, whose dimensions will be 380 ft. by 50 ft. 9 in. and 31 ft. 3 in. The builders are the Pennsylvania Shipbuilding Co., Philadelphia, and the price is \$930,000, with delivery September 30, 1917. The same company has bought the steamer Hovda, ex Cosack, 3,400 tons deadweight, and built in 1886, of 10 knots speed on 15 tons coal consumption. The price is given as 1,500,000 kroner, being about \$21,500. Another 7,000 tons deadweight tank steamer, now building by the Pennsylvania Shipbuilding Co., Philadelphia, and to be ready in May next year, has been sold to Norwegian owners at \$1,030,000. She will be fitted with electric light, wireless telegraph, and constructed to burn oil as well as coal, with a speed of 11 knots loaded.

China Coast Gazette.

Mr. G. Watkins, chief officer, Kwangshai, has gone chief officer, Poochi. Mr. B. Jui, chief officer, Poochi, is on leave. Mr. N. Donald, from leave, has gone chief officer, Kwangshai. Mr. J. George, from leave, has gone chief officer, Kwangshai. Mr. S. Kemp, chief officer, Kwangshai, is on leave. Mr. O. B. Owen, chief officer, Poyang, has resigned. Mr. J. A. Campbell, from leave, has gone chief officer, Poyang. Mr. A. J. Anderson, chief officer, Shai, has gone chief officer, Tungting. Mr. E. E. Moore, acting chief officer, Tungting, has gone second officer, same ship. Mr. O. Nyborg second officer, Tungting, is on reserve. Mr. O. S. Lays, chief officer, Fookang, has gone second officer, same ship. Mr. P. Jowitt, chief officer, Onang, has gone chief officer, Fookang. Mr. O. F. Everington, second officer, Fookang, is on reserve. Mr. T. J. Christie, chief officer, Saitai, has gone master, same ship. Mr. M. T. Potes has been appointed chief officer, Saitai. Mr. E. G. Dyke has been appointed supercargo second officer, Fatahan. Mr. A. A. Birnie, chief officer, Talloe, has gone master, Shunshai. Mr. J. Monney has been appointed chief officer, Talloe. Shipping and Engineering.

New Zealand Shipping Co. and the Panama Canal.

The Canal Record, the official organ of the Panama Canal, in its issue of July 19, just to hand, has the following:—The passage through the canal on Saturday, July 15, of the passenger steamer Remuera of the New Zealand Shipping Company, on the way from Wellington to London, marks the establishment of this important line through the canal. Its route has formerly been around the Cape of Good Hope on the outward voyage from Great Britain, and around Cape Horn on the homeward lap, the vessels going completely around the world on each voyage. It was intended to make use of the canal route some time ago, but the disturbances of conditions by the European war and the later closing of the canal by slides had deferred the adoption of this route up to this time. The company has reported its intention of building new ships especially for the canal service. The Remuera carried 33 first class, 60 second class, and 156 third class passengers, who are on their way from New Zealand to Great Britain; discharged three first class and three second class passengers at Balboa, for transfer to connecting lines; and took five passengers at Cristobal for Newport News. She will call at Newport News for coal, sailing thence for Plymouth and London. The passenger accommodations were practically all taken. The passengers expressed themselves as well pleased with the canal route, as they had encountered fair weather almost all the way up, and found the Isthmian scenery and the canal itself very interesting. It seems probable that the accommodations of the line and the opportunities to transfer at the Isthmus to connecting lines will cause this service to be of increasing importance. The old route homeward, by Cape Horn, began with a voyage of 4,461 miles from Wellington to Cape Horn, a long cold rainy trip, passing through a region of icebergs. Round Cape Horn, the ship made for Monte Video, 1,355 miles beyond; and from Monte Video to England, by way of Tenerife, was about 8,200 miles. The total was approximately 12,216 miles. The new route is approximately 11,186, if the ship sails by way of Tahiti and goes from Colon direct to Plymouth. If the sails direct to Balboa from Wellington, and goes by Norfolk on the way from Colon to Plymouth the distance is approximately 11,448 miles. The saving by the canal route is then about 768 miles, or around 21 days of ordinary steaming for the ships in this service. Outward from Great Britain, around the Cape of Good Hope, the distance from Plymouth to Wellington is 12,918 miles, by way of Tenerife, Cape Town, Hobart, and Auckland. The saving by Panama is something over 1,500 miles, or over five days of steaming. The canal route offers advantages in respect of weather, and, for the present at least, in the cost of coal. On account of the high charters prevailing the cost at Monte Video, where the homeward ships formerly coaled, has risen greatly. At Norfolk there is a plentiful supply of high grade coal, cheap for the quality, delivered by rail from the mines of Virginia and West Virginia. At the canal low prices have been maintained in spite of the scarcity of shipping, by virtue of the employment of the canal colliers in hauling coal from Norfolk. The coaling advantage is marked at this time, but it is the belief of officials of the New Zealand Shipping Company that the canal route will continue to attract their ships when coal prices over the world shall have been restored to the equilibrium of peace times. The Remuera is the largest of the six mail steamers of the company's fleet. Her gross registered tonnage is 11,276. Her length is 485 feet, beam 62.3 feet, and her draft at the time of passing through the canal was 25 feet 6 inches. Her master is the commander of the fleet, and has completed 89 voyages around the world, on none of which has he lost a passenger through causes other than sickness or suicide.

Other of the mail steamers are the Rotomah, Rasmussen, Rasmussen, Tongariro, and Turskias. Intermediate and cargo steamships include the following, several of which have been through the canal:—The Kaikoura, Kaipara, Opawa, Oari, Otaki, Papanui, Bakaki, Rimutaka, Waimate, Wakarua, and Whakatane. The Hurunui is building for the company.

From the Pigeon.

Says Shipping and Engineering of Sept. 29.—The a.s. Albina is loading here an electrical outfit composed of dynamo, transformers and engines with their bed-plates weighing altogether 130 tons for Chinwangtao, transhipped from the Blue Funnel line and part of which was saved from the Pigeon on the African coast. The heaviest lift is 31 tons and to take this in a special derrick 24 inches square is being erected and the mainmast shored up and stayed. Mr. McDermott, of the New Engineering works, who is in charge of the arrangements, and who discharged the machinery from a.s. Perseus, will proceed to Chinwangtao with the vessel to superintend its discharge.

Japanese Rivalry.

A Seattle correspondent of Lloyd's List writes:—With the carrying into effect of the Seamen's Act, coupled with the shortage of tonnage, high freights, and other conditions due to the war, there has developed on the North Pacific a formidable fleet of Japanese freight steamers. Japanese tonnage now dominates the trade of the North Pacific. The Seamen's Act, which handicaps American shipping and affected foreign vessels, is not injuring the Japanese. Japanese shipowners have profited immensely by the high freights of the last years, and it is evident that they intend to push to the utmost limit their present advantage. Once securely entrenched in control of the commerce of the Pacific, it will be next to impossible to dislodge them. Even the British tramp steamer which, before the war, carried the bulk of the Pacific trade, is losing ground. In the event of low freights or depression in shipping, it will be found that the Japanese will be fully capable of holding their own. During the past six or nine months more Japanese steamers have called at Puget Sound ports than in any previous similar period. Many steamers, now flying the Japanese flag, were formerly British, for the Japanese have been extensive buyers of second-hand tonnage.

Shanghai Freight.

News: Wheelock and Co.'s fortnightly freight market report, dated September 28, says:—The demand for space to Europe continues very heavy and is much in excess of the supply of tonnage; space is badly wanted for Mediterranean ports. Space is so limited that shippers can only obtain small allotments at a time and it is quite out of the question to make shipments of any large size, while to America exactly the opposite state of affairs still continues. Coastwise:—Since last writing this market has taken a decided turn for the better, which has been brought about principally through the cessation of hostilities at Canton owing to the change of Government. The rice-crop in the Yangtze valley is reported to be a good one and a good export season from Wuhu is expected in consequence. For London and the Continent:—The following are the next cargo boats to load on this berth:—London, Demodocus, Oct. 9; Enshimi Maru, Oct. 15; Nelson, Oct. 25; Tokuyama Maru, Oct. 26. For New York via Panama: The Tokuyama Maru has been taken off this berth and been replaced by the Tokuyama Maru which will sail on October 20; she will be followed by the Newby Hall for Boston and New York on October 26. The rate on wood-oil will remain at 150c per ton of 20 cwt. to the end of October.

Allies on the China Coast.

The protest of a correspondent in last week's issue against the remarks of an earlier correspondent on the meaning of British ships on the China coast will doubtless command the sympathy of the majority of captains and officers, though it may be doubted whether our correspondent meant all "A Scandinavian Master Mariner" imputed to him through the unfortunate placing together of "Scandinavians, blue-jackets and Customs officers" as the sort of material that had now to be employed for the officering of British ships on the coast. It may have been unfortunate that our correspondent should have placed the three classes he mentioned in such close juxtaposition without a word of explanation, but we feel confident that in doing so he had not the slightest intention of casting a slur on the standing or abilities of the Scandinavian merchant officer. No shipmaster of experience will deny that there are probably as many good seamen among the Scandinavians as among any other nationality, including our own, or who will refuse to admit that, during the present shortage, they are welcome in the vacant berths of the British mercantile marine on the China coast. The countries of Scandinavia, like our own, have bred a race of sailors for many hundred years and have "the sea in their blood" as much as any race on earth, and their presence on a British ship, so long as British officers cannot be obtained, is infinitely preferable to that of untrained or non-technical men who are officers in name only and who cannot be trusted on the bridge without supervision. There are at the present moment over 32 alien certificated officers in British ships on the China coast, the very great majority of whom are Scandinavians, some of them holding chief officers' berths and British shipmasters themselves would be the first to protest against any proposal to withdraw them and substitute uncertificated men, be they British or any other. The vessel has to be run in the interests of owners and officers and the strain of doing so with only two certificated officers has already been pointed out. What it would be upon and so long as a British certificated officer is not available, none will quarrel with the free employment of Scandinavian officers who, our correspondent points out, are just as highly trained as the British officer himself. Nevertheless, when this war ceases and British officers again become available for service on the China coast, even "A Scandinavian Master Mariner" will admit that British officers should be employed by preference on British ships. Nor can this be taken to imply any slur on the Scandinavian officer or the undervaluing of his abilities as a sailor. It will mean merely that, as a British officer, the British officer is entitled to a position on his own ships and though the Scandinavian officer may be as good a man in all respects, he will not, we trust, expect that room should be made for him in the British mercantile marine so long as British officers are to be had. Even to-day, it will be agreed that it is unfortunate that it should be necessary to man British ships with foreign officers be they Scandinavian or of any other nationality and this it was that our correspondent "Side light" apparently intended to express. It appears, therefore, that "A Scandinavian Master Mariner" has, somewhat unjustifiably, taken umbrage where none was intended and has taken our correspondent's expression of regret that such a necessity should have arisen as a slight on the Scandinavian officer. To say that it is a pity that it is necessary to man British ships with Scandinavian officers, even though they be coupled with uncertificated A.B.'s and others does not necessarily mean that the Scandinavian officer is regarded as no more of a sailor than the average Customs officer and we trust that "A Scandinavian Master Mariner" on thinking it over, will see it in that light.—Shipping and Engineering.

HONGKONG SHARE REPORT.

S.—SELLERS; SA.—SALES;
B.—BUYERS; N.—NOMINAL.

OFFICIAL PRICES.

| BANKS. | |
|------------------------------|----------------|
| Banks | sa. \$780 |
| MARINE INSURANCES. | |
| Cantons | b. \$400 |
| North China | b. 2.155 |
| Unions | b. \$920 |
| Yangtzes | n. ex 75 \$260 |
| FIRE INSURANCES. | |
| China Fires | b. \$154 |
| H. K. Fires | b. \$386 |
| SHIPPING. | |
| Douglases | s. \$123 |
| Steamboats | b. \$221 |
| Indos (Def.) | sa. \$132 |
| Indos (Inf.) | b. \$46 |
| Shells | b. 112/6 |
| Ferries | b. & sa. \$3 |
| REFINERIES. | |
| Sugars | sa. \$113 |
| Malabons | b. \$364 |
| MINING. | |
| Kallians | n. 30/- |
| Langkats | b. & sa. 1.25 |
| Raubs | n. \$2.75 |
| Tronohs | n. 30/- |
| Urals | n. 34/- |
| DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, &c. | |
| H. K. Wharves | s. \$83 |
| Kowloon Docks | b. \$130 |
| Shai Docks | b. 87 |
| LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS. | |
| Centrals | b. \$101 |
| H. K. Hotels | b. \$115 |
| Land Invest. | b. \$101 |
| H. K. East | b. \$6.75 |
| K'loon Lands | n. \$8 |
| Shai Lands | n. 95 |
| West Points | s. \$88 |
| COTTON MILLS. | |
| Ewos | b. 1.145 |
| Kung Yiks | sa. 1.14.25 |
| Shai Cottons | b. 97 |
| Yangtzepeeps | b. 5.40 |
| MISCELLANEOUS. | |
| Bornes | b. \$8 |
| China Light & P. b. | \$4.75 |
| Providents | b. \$9.20 |
| Dairy Farms | sa. \$40 |
| Green Islands | sa. \$10.25 |
| H. K. Electric | sa. \$55 |
| H. K. Ice Co. | n. \$160 |
| Ropes | sa. \$94 |
| Steel Foundries | n. \$10 |
| Trams, Low Levels. | \$7.50 |
| Trams, Peak, old b. | \$9.60 |
| Trams, Peak, new b. | cents 85 |
| Laundries | b. \$2 |
| U. Waterboats | n. \$17.00 |
| Watsons | b. \$7.00 |
| Wm. Powells | s. \$6.90 |
| Morning Posts | b. \$19 |

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EXCHANGE.

| SELLING. | |
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| T/T | 2/2 1/2 |
| Demand | 2/2 3/16 |
| 30 d/s. | 2/2 1/4 |
| 60 d/s. | 2/2 1/8 |
| 4 m/s. | 2/2 7/16 |
| T/T Shanghai | 70 1/4 |
| T/T Singapore | 92 3/4 |
| T/T Japan | 101 3/4 |
| T/T India | 161 3/4 |
| Demand, India | 162 |
| T/T San Francisco | 51 3/4 |
| co & New York | 51 3/4 |
| T/T Java | 125 1/2 |
| T/T Marks | Nom. |
| T/T France | 3.03 |
| Demand, Paris | 3.03 1/2 |

BUYING.

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| 4 m/s. L/C | 2/2 15/16 |
| 4 m/s. D/P | 2/3 1/16 |
| 6 m/s. L/C | 2/3 1/16 |
| 30 d/s. Sydney & Melbourne | 2/3 3/16 |
| 30 d/s. San Francisco (incl. New York) | 53 |
| 4 m/s. Marks | Nom. |
| 4 m/s. France | 3.15 |
| 6 m/s. France | 3.20 |
| Demand, Germany | — |
| Demand, New York | 51 3/4 |
| T/T Bombay | — |
| Demand, Bombay | 162 |
| T/T Calcutta | — |
| Demand, Calcutta | 162 |
| Demand, Manila | 103 1/4 |
| Demand, Singapore | 92 3/4 |
| On Haiphong | 4% prem. |
| On Saigon | 3% prem. |
| On Bangkok | 70 3/4 |
| Sovereign | 9.10 Nom. |
| Gold Leaf, per oz. | 52.70 |
| Bar Silver, per oz. | 31 3/4 |

SUBSIDIARY COINS.

| DISCOUNT PER \$100. | |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Chinese | 20 cts pieces 105 1/2 |
| Chinese | 10 " 109 1/2 |
| Hongkong 20 cts pieces | pr. |
| Hongkong 10 " " | pr. |

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NOTICE.

PEAK TRAMWAY CO. LIMITED.

TIME TABLE.

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| WEEK DAYS. | | | |
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Finals to be held on **SATURDAY, 7th OCTOBER,** at **9.00 p.m.**

THE ROYAL NAVAL CANTEEN.

HEAVY, MIDDLE, WELTER, LIGHT, BANTAM & FEATHER WEIGHT BOUTS AND A 3-ROUND EXHIBITION SPAR BETWEEN
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By kind permission of Major **MORGAN** and **OFFICERS**, the **BAND** of the 18th Infantry will play selections during the evening. Admission by Programme.

Holders of Red Programmes Price \$3 entitled to Ringside Seats.

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Booking at MOUTRIE'S.

WAR CHARITIES. "OUR DAY." AN ENTERTAINMENT

in aid of the Joint Fund of "OUR DAY," OCTOBER 19TH, which is to be devoted throughout the Empire to raising money for the British Red Cross Society and the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, has been arranged

BY
THE ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE
AT
THE VICTORIA THEATRE
(by kind permission of the Management)

THURSDAY, October 12th, at 9 p.m.

Under the distinguished patronage of H.E. Sir Henry May, K.C.M.G., H.E. Maj. General Ventris, Commodore Sandeman, R.N. The proceeds will be added to those obtained at the Fete to be held of "OUR DAY," October 19th.

The following Local Ladies and Gentlemen have kindly consented to appear:—
Mrs. AUBREY. Mr. F. AUSTIN.
Mrs. HILL. Mr. E. ABNEY.
Mrs. MAITLAND. Mr. G. C. BURNETT.
Miss CORDON. Mr. MURIEL.
Miss M. GORDON. Mr. R. L. PHELPS.
Miss MARY HYDE. Mr. SHIRVINGTON.
Miss DIONE MAY. Mr. PERCEVALD WILSON.
Mr. H. I. JONES. Mr. DENMAN FULLER.
Accompanists:—Mrs. AUSTIN and Messrs. E. J. CHAPMAN and G. GRIMBLE.
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WAR CHARITIES. "OUR DAY" THURSDAY, 19TH OCTOBER, will be devoted all over the Empire to collecting funds for **THE BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY** AND **THE ORDER OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM** IN AID OF THE WOUNDED. **LADY MAY'S ROSE FUND.**

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JUNGLE SHOOTING RANGE
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RED CROSS COMPETITIONS,
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TWO BANDS,
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POST OFFICE.

Monday the 9th October being a General Holiday, the Post Office will be open from 8 to 9 a.m. There will be one delivery of Ordinary correspondence and one Collection of Letters from the Pillar Boxes. The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

Correspondence addressed to enemy subjects in China, Siam, Liberia and Portuguese East Africa, Persia and Morocco cannot be transmitted.

The Services to Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and the Ottoman Empire are suspended.

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MAILS DUE.

Europe (via Neerapatam)—Per MAGELAN, 9th Oct.

MAILS CLOSE TO DAY.

Swatow & Bangkok—Per CHUSAN, 6th Oct, 5 p.m.
Saigon—Per YUNGSHIN, 6th Oct, 5 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Philippines Is., Aust. Asia, via Port Darwin, &c.—Per GUANARUA, 7th Oct, 11 a.m.

Straits & India via Calcutta—Per YAT-SHING, 7th Oct, 11 a.m.

Philippines Is.—Per LOONGSANG, 7th Oct, 2 p.m.

Shanghai & N. China, Japan via Kobe—Per KIRIN MARU, 7th Oct, 3 p.m.

Shanghai & N. China—Per YINGCHOW, 7th Oct, 5 p.m.

Weihaiwei & Tientsin—Per CHEONG-SHING, 7th Oct, 5 p.m.

Holbow & Haiphong—Per LOESANG, 7th Oct, 5 p.m.

Japan via Moji—Per HOPSANG, 7th Oct, 5 p.m.

Swatow, Shanghai & N. China—Per WINGSANG, 7th Oct, 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, 8th October.

Saigon—Per TELL, 8th Oct, 9 a.m.

Japan via Moji—Per HOKUTO MARU, 8th Oct, 9 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy & Foochow—Per HAITAN, 8th Oct, 9 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy & Tamsui—Per KAIJO MARU, 8th Oct, 9 a.m.

MONDAY, 9th October.

Haiphong—Per KAIFONG, 9th Oct, 9 a.m.

Batavia, Samarang, Sourabaya & Port Meraby via Batavia—Per OHIO MARU, 9th Oct, 3 p.m.

TUESDAY, 10th October.

Tientsin—Per KUEICHOW, 10th Oct, 11 a.m.

Shanghai & N. China—Per CHENAN, 10th Oct, 3 p.m.

Philippines Is.—Per CHINHUA, 10th Oct, 3 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 11th October.

Shanghai & N. China, Japan via Kobe—Per KAGA MARU, 11th Oct, 9 a.m.

SHIPPING-NEWS.

ARRIVED.

Kalgan, Br., ss. 1143, Laver, 5th Oct.—Swatow, 4th Oct, Gen.—B. & S.

Shanghai, Br., ss. 1072, Hobb, 5th Oct.—Calcutta, 18th Sept. Kerosene oil—B. & S.

Batavia, Br., ss. 1288, Ma'on, 6th Oct.—Singapore, 29th Sept, Gen.—G. L. & Co.

Ecstasy, Amer., ss. 3517, Nelson, 6th Oct.—Manila, 3rd Oct, Gen.—F. M. Co.

Haitan, Br., ss. 1183, Thomson, 6th Oct.—Swatow, 5th Oct, Gen.—D. L. & Co.

Hopang, Br., ss. 1359, Robtson, 6th Oct.—Singapore, 18th Sept, Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Ki in M., Jap., ss. 2735, Sasaki, 6th Oct.—Singapore, 29th Sept, Gen.—N.Y.K. Kue'chow, Br., ss. 1229, Forsyth, 6th Oct.—Weihaiwei, 1st Oct, Gen.—B. & S.

Wellwa, Br., ss. 1677, Pritchard, 6th Oct.—Saigon, 1st Oct, Gen.—E. H. Ray Co.

DEPARTED.

Oct. 4.

Hanoi for Haiphong via K. C. Waa Ne'us for Yokohama via Shanghai

Oct. 5.

Derwent for Singapore
Kiang M. for Singapore & London
Shanghai for Hongkong
Shantung for Shanghai
Canton for Newchwang via Chefoo
Sardinia for London via Singapore

Oct. 6.

Kours M. for Lima Island
Tientsin for Batavia
Kue'chow for Singapore via Swatow
Kankon M. for Chingwang

Chefoo for Saigon
Tientsin for K. C. Waa via Macao

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WEATHER REPORT.

On the 6th at 11.30—No returns from Japan. Pressure has decreased slightly in all other districts, except at Weihaiwei, where it has increased slightly.

The anticyclone over China is moving eastward.

Pressure is lowest over the Visayas.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. 40-day, 0.00 inch.

Total since January 1st, 79.13 inches, against an average of 77.40 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW

District. Forecast.

Hongkong to Gap Rock... East winds, moderate, fine.

Formosa Channel... N.E. winds, strong.

South coast of China between H.K. and Lamoche... The same as No. 1.

South coast of China between H.K. and Hainan... The same as No. 1.

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

Hongkong Observatory, Oct. 6, 1916.

1 Barometer, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit on the level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.

2 Temperature, in the shade, in degrees Fahrenheit.

3 Humidity, in percentage of saturation the humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.

4 Direction of Wind, to two points.

5 Force of Wind, according to Beaufort scale.

State of Weather, b blue sky, c detached cloud, d drizzling rain, f fog, g gloomy, h hail, i lightning, o overcast, p passing showers, q equally, r rain, s snow, t thunder, v visibility, w dew wet.

Previous Day On date On date.

Barometer... 29.98 29.99 29.97

Temperature... 78 75 77

Humidity... 62 76 64

Wind Direction... ESE E E

Force... 4 3 3

Weather... c c b

Rain... 0.00 0.00 0.03

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H.K. Observatory, October 6, 1916.

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